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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99,843-A)

In re Application of:)
Kircher et al.) Group Art Unit: 3725
Serial No. Unknown)
Filed January 11, 2002) Examiner : W. Hong
For **SIZE REDUCTION MACHINE**)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the claims of the above-identified application as follows before calculating the application filing fee:

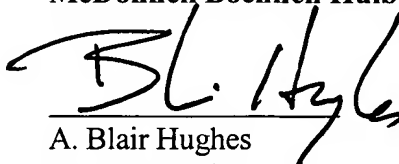
IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-7 and 16-19 from the application without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 8-15 are pending in this application.

Respectfully submitted,
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